

All Regional Engineers

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Special Provision for Concrete Mix Designs

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This special provision was developed by the Bureau of Materials and Physical Research to expand the use of finely divided minerals in concrete mixtures.

It should be inserted in concrete contracts at the districts discretion. If the district inserts this special provision, it is recommended (but not required) to also include Check Sheet #31 in the contract.

The districts should include the BDE Check Sheet marked with the applicable special provisions for the April 24, 2009 and subsequent lettings. The Project Development and Implementation Section will include a copy in the contract.

This special provision will be available on the transfer directory
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CONCRETE MIX DESIGNS (BDE)

Effective: April 1, 2009

Add the following to Article 1020.05(c) of the Standard Specifications:

“(5) Performance Based Finely Divided Mineral Combination. For Class PV and SI concrete a performance based finely divided mineral combination may be used. The minimum cement factor, maximum cement factor, and water cement ratio of Article 1020.04 shall be replaced with the values below, and the performance based finely divided mineral combination herein is an alternative to Articles 1020.05(c)(1), (c)(2), (c)(3), and (c)(4). The mix design shall meet the following requirements and the Engineer may request a trial batch.

- a. The mixture shall contain a minimum of 375 lbs/cu yd (222 kg/cu m) of portland cement. For a blended cement, a sufficient amount shall be used to obtain the required 375 lbs/cu yd (222 kg/cu m) of portland cement in the mixture. For example, a blended cement stated to have 20 percent finely divided mineral, ignoring any ASTM C 595 tolerance on the 20 percent, would require a minimum of 469 lbs/cu yd (278 kg/cu m) of material in the mixture. When the mixture is designed for cement content from 375 lbs/cu yd (222 kg/cu m) to 400 lbs/cu yd (237 kg/cu m), the total of organic processing additions, inorganic processing additions, and limestone addition in the cement shall not exceed 5.0 percent.
- b. The mixture shall contain a maximum of two finely divided minerals. The finely divided mineral in a blended cement shall count toward the total number of finely divided minerals allowed. The finely divided mineral(s) shall constitute a maximum of 35.0 percent of the total cement plus finely divided mineral(s). The fly ash portion shall not exceed 30.0 percent for Class C fly ash or 25.0 percent for Class F fly ash. The Class C and F fly ash combination shall not exceed 30.0 percent. The ground granulated blast-furnace slag portion shall not exceed 35.0 percent. The microsilica or high-reactivity metakaolin portion used together or separately shall not exceed 5.0 percent. The finely divided mineral in the blended cement shall apply to the maximum 35.0 percent, and shall be determined as discussed in a. above for determining portland cement in blended cement.
- c. For central mixed Class PV and SI concrete, the mixture shall contain a minimum of 535 lbs/cu yd (320 kg/cu m) of cement and finely divided mineral(s) summed together, and a water-reducing admixture shall be used. The value shall be 565 lbs/cu yd (335 kg/cu m) without a water-reducing admixture.

For truck mixed or shrink mixed Class PV and SI concrete, the mixture shall contain a minimum of 575 lbs/cu yd (345 kg/cu m) of cement and finely

divided mineral(s) summed together, and a water-reducing admixture shall be used. The value shall be 605 lbs/cu yd (360 kg/cu m) without a water-reducing admixture.

- d. The mixture shall contain a maximum of 705 lbs/cu yd (418 kg/cu m) of cement and finely divided mineral(s) summed together.
- e. The mixture shall have a water/cement ratio of 0.32 – 0.44.
- f. The mixture shall not be used for placement underwater.
- g. The combination of cement and finely divided mineral(s) shall have an ASTM C 1567 expansion value ≤ 0.16 percent, and shall be performed on the aggregate in the concrete mixture with the highest ASTM C 1260 test result. The ASTM C 1567 test will be valid for two years, unless the Engineer determines the materials have changed significantly.

If during the two year time period the Contractor needs to replace the portland cement, and the replacement portland cement has an equal or lower total equivalent alkali content ($\text{Na}_2\text{O} + 0.658\text{K}_2\text{O}$), a new ASTM C 1567 test will not be required. However, replacement of a blended cement with another cement will require a new ASTM C 1567 test.”